

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, smoke and poisonous gases are the leading causes of death in fires, and can kill a person long before the flames will; and

**WHEREAS**, underestimating the power of fire and the time it takes to escape a home after a fire ignites could cost lives; and

**WHEREAS**, developing a home escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year is critical to escaping a fire safely; and

**WHEREAS**, an adequate home fire escape plan requires that everyone in the household know two ways out of each room, agree on an outdoor location where they will meet after exiting the building, and remember to call 911 immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1999 Fire Prevention Week theme -- *Fire Drills: The Great Escape!* -- emphasizes the importance of having a home escape plan and practicing it regularly; and

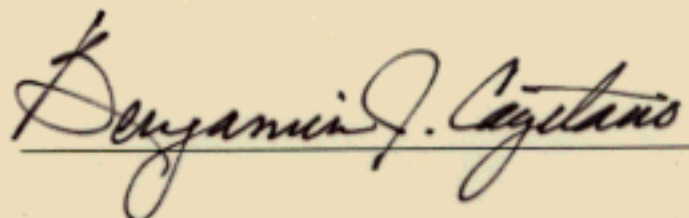
**WHEREAS**, members of Hawaii's fire departments are joined by concerned citizens, schools, service clubs, businesses, and other groups in promoting fire safety and education;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO**, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby proclaim October 3 to October 9, 1999, to be

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

in Hawaii, and urge our citizens to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and to practice *The Great Escape* to ensure public safety in the event of a fire.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this twenty-fourth day of September, 1999.

  
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